

**Lead Products Co.**  
INCORPORATED  
*Fabricators*

PHONE (713) 224-9546

709 NORTH VELASCO

P.O. BOX 1341

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77251-1341

October 11, 1988

U.S. EPA Region 6  
Sites Notification  
First Interstate Tower  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Childs Truck Equip Site  
TXD 048 080749

Re: CERCLA Section 103(c) Notification

Dear Sir or Madam:

For the past several years, various lead companies in Houston have been negotiating with the Texas Water Commission concerning the hazardous nature of discarded lead batteries. We have recently learned that the TWC has decided that the lead batteries and lead-contaminated soils are not considered as a "by-product" under the TWC regulations. We have been advised that inasmuch as the batteries contain lead, the disposal of these substances may be regulated under CERCLA. Our lawyers have further advised us that under Section 103(c) of CERCLA, our company was to have notified the EPA by June 9, 1981, of the location of all facilities in which hazardous substances were disposed. Inasmuch as we are unable to locate any company records that indicate that such notification was given, we are providing the requested notification herein.

By way of background information, the following is a brief history of the operations of the company. Lead Products Company, Inc. is a small corporation which began as a lead smelting business in the 1930's. Lead was removed from discarded batteries and utilized to make pipes and other equipment. After the majority of lead was removed from the batteries, they were used as fill material at our plant site and two other nearby locations. It is our understanding that all of the lead could not be removed from the batteries and therefore the buried batteries contain some residual lead. We believe this type of disposal ceased in the mid-1960's.

We have attached for your information three sets of the notification form that was published in the April 15, 1981, Federal Register. We have provided forms for the following locations:

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(1) Lead Products Company, Inc. facility located at 709 N. Velasco in Houston. This is our present plant site. We believe the disposal activities occurred at this location from approximately 1945 until sometime in the 1950's.

(2) Childs Truck Equipment Inc. site located in the 800 block of N. Velasco in Houston. Prior to being located at the present address, the company rented this site from its owners. We understand that lead batteries may have been used for fill material at this site from approximately 1935 until 1945.

(3) KNUZ Radio Tower site located at 315 North Ernis in Houston. During the 1950's and 1960's, our company contracted with the owner of the Radio Tower to provide batteries for fill material for the property.

At the present time Lead Products is undertaking an investigation to determine the extent of contamination at the plant site. We are currently involved in negotiations with the City of Houston on this matter and will be contacting the Texas Water Commission to determine the proper remedial action to be performed. We are also attempting to obtain permission from the present owners of the Childs site to obtain samples from that location. Lead Products presently does not have any plans to take any action at the Radio Tower site.

We trust the information provided herein will be sufficient to meet the notification requirements under the regulations. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (713) 224-9546.

Very truly yours,

LEAD PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC.

*Robert Simonds*  
Robert Simonds, President

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## EPA Notification of Hazardous Waste Site

United States  
Environmental Protection  
Agency  
Washington DC 20460

This initial notification information is required by Section 103(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 and must be mailed by June 9, 1981.

Please type or print in ink. If you need additional space, use separate sheets of paper. Indicate the letter of the item which applies.

**A Person Required to Notify:**

Enter the name and address of the person or organization required to notify.

Name Lead Products Company, Inc.Street P. O. Box 1341City HoustonState TXZip Code 77001**B Site Location:**

Enter the common name (if known) and actual location of the site.

Name of Site Childs Truck Equipment Site\*Street 800 block of N. VelascoCity HoustonCounty HarrisState TXZip Code 77003**C Person to Contact:**

Enter the name, title (if applicable), and business telephone number of the person to contact regarding information submitted on this form.

Name, Last, First and Title Robert Simonds, PresidentPhone (713) 224-9546

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**D Dates of Waste Handling:**

Enter the years that you estimate waste treatment, storage, or disposal began and ended at the site.

Approx.

From Year 1935To Year 1945

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**E Waste Type. Choose the option you prefer to complete**

**Option 1:** Select general waste types and source categories. If you do not know the general waste types or sources, you are encouraged to describe the site in Item 1, Description of Site.

**General Type of Waste:**  
Place an X in the appropriate boxes. The categories listed overlap. Check each applicable category.

- 1 ☐ Organics  
2 ☐ Inorganics  
3 ☐ Solvents  
4 ☐ Pesticides  
5 ☒ Heavy Metals  
6 ☐ Acids  
7 ☐ Bases  
8 ☐ PCBs  
9 ☐ Mixed Municipal Waste  
10 ☐ Unknown  
11 ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Source of Waste:**  
Place an X in the appropriate boxes.

- 1 ☐ Mining  
2 ☐ Construction  
3 ☐ Textiles  
4 ☐ Fertilizer  
5 ☐ Paper Printing  
6 ☐ Leather Tanning  
7 ☐ Iron Steel Foundry  
8 ☐ Chemical General  
9 ☐ Plating Polishing  
10 ☐ Military Ammunition  
11 ☐ Electrical Conductors  
12 ☐ Transformers  
13 ☐ Utility Companies  
14 ☐ Sanitary Refuse  
15 ☐ Photofinish  
16 ☐ Lab Hospital  
17 ☐ Unknown  
18 ☒ Other (Specify)  
Lead Smelting  
Recovery Operations

**Option 2:** This option is available to persons familiar with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Section 3001 regulations (40 CFR Part 261).

**Specific Type of Waste:**

EPA has assigned a four-digit number to each hazardous waste listed in the regulations under Section 3001 of RCRA. Enter the appropriate four-digit number in the boxes provided. A copy of the list of hazardous wastes and codes can be obtained by contacting the EPA Region serving the State in which the site is located.

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\* Office address:

Childs Truck Equipment, Inc.  
3125 Navigation  
Houston, Texas 77003



Notification of Hazardous Waste Site	Side Two	
<b>F Waste Quantity</b> Place an X in the appropriate boxes to indicate the facility types found at the site. In the "total facility waste amount" space, give the estimated combined quantity (volume) of hazardous wastes at the site using cubic feet or gallons. In the "total facility area" space, give the estimated area size which the facilities occupy using square feet or acres.	<b>Facility Type</b> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Piles 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Land Treatment 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landfill 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Tanks 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Impoundment 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Injection 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Drums, Above Ground 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Drums, Below Ground 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<b>Total Facility Waste Amount</b> cubic feet <u>Unknown</u> <b>Total Facility Area</b> square feet <u>Unknown</u> acres <u>Less than 1/2 acre</u>

**G Known, Suspected or Likely Releases to the Environment:**

Place an X in the appropriate boxes to indicate any known, suspected, or likely releases of wastes to the environment.

☐ Known ☐ Suspected ☐ Likely ☐ None  
Unknown

Note: Items Hand I are optional. Completing these items will assist EPA and State and local governments in locating and assessing hazardous waste sites. Although completing the items is not required, you are encouraged to do so.

**H Sketch Map of Site Location: (Optional)**

Sketch a map showing streets, highways, routes or other prominent landmarks near the site. Place an X on the map to indicate the site location. Draw an arrow showing the direction north. You may substitute a publishing map showing the site location.

Please see attached map.

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**I Description of Site: (Optional)**

Describe the history and present conditions of the site. Give directions to the site and describe any nearby wells, springs, lakes, or housing. Include such information as how waste was disposed and where the waste came from. Provide any other information or comments which may help describe the site conditions.

Lead Products Company operated on-site for a period of approximately 10 years from 1935 until 1945. Discarded lead batteries were used as fill material on a small area of site.

**J Signature and Title:**

The person or authorized representative (such as plant manager, superintendent, trustee or attorney) of persons required to notify must sign the form and provide a mailing address (if different than address in item A). For other persons providing notification, the signature is optional. Check the boxes which best describe the relationship to the site of the person required to notify. If you are not required to notify check "Other".

Name Robert SimondsStreet P. O. Box 1341City Houston State TX Zip Code 77251Signature [Signature] Date 10/11/88
☐ Owner, Present  
☐ Owner, Past  
☐ Transporter  
☐ Operator, Present  
☒ Operator, Past  
☐ Other

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